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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, regarding Pueblo

1. This morning I met Chairman Rivers in his office to deliver personally a letter from the Director regarding the situation of the Pueblo, and to answer any questions in this connection.

2. Upon my arrival the Chairman asked if it would be all right if Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Committee Counsel (who was already in the room), could remain with us. Slatinshek volunteered that he "did not have the clearances for Agency material". I said I was sure it would be all right to handle the matter in Slatinshek's presence if the Chairman so desired.

3. After reading the Director's letter the Chairman expressed appreciation and remarked that it was quite possible that "Russ" (Blandford, Committee Chief Counsel), had mentioned the matter to him, but if so he could not remember it.

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4. In response to the Chairman's question as to when the Pueblo was moved, I mentioned [redacted]

[redacted] it appeared that the Pueblo moved from Wonsan to Najin sometime during the second two weeks in February.

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5. While the Chairman was diverted by a phone call Slatinshek asked me whether DIA had access to this information. I assured him they did. Slatinshek then asked when DIA might first have known of this evidence. I said I could only guess, but assumed that it was known throughout the community no later than 1 March. Slatinshek said that "about 10 days ago" he had received calls from Representatives Arends and Bates regarding the Pueblo, and checked with [redacted] (DIA Liaison Officer) who said he was unaware of any information that the Pueblo had been moved.

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6. Although rushed, the Chairman was cordial and seemed to feel the case was closed satisfactorily. In parting I mentioned how much I had enjoyed attending the unveiling of the Chairman's portrait in the Committee room a couple of weeks ago. The Chairman responded with unabashed pride, and we spent several minutes recalling the highlights of what the Chairman referred to as that "great occasion".

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